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LARSON'S PRIORITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PASSES THE HOUSE

Washington, DC – Last night, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) voted to support our troops and veterans by providing vital funding for veterans health services and the construction of key facilities for training and housing our military. In the legislation, Congressman Larson was influential in securing \$41 million to support the construction of a new state of the art Aviation Readiness Center for the Connecticut Army National Guard.

“This is a critical investment that will provide the Connecticut Army National Guard with the essential resources to protect and defend our nation and our state,” said Congressman Larson. “

President Obama recommended this funding in his budget, and I am proud to have fought on the side of our National Guardsmen to ensure its passage in the House.”

The funding will be used to construct a new facility to house the elements of the Connecticut Army National Guard's Aviation units, including soldiers and pilots, at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. Currently, existing support aviation facilities are located at two different locations, thus complicating mission readiness and overall training.

The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, addresses military construction needs all across our nation essential to the training and housing of our troops. In addition, the legislation strengthens the VA workforce to tackle claims backlogs in processing new educational benefits provided through the new GI Bill and newly eligible claims for

disabilities of Vietnam veterans and their survivors due to exposure to Agent Orange.

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